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Vatican's secretary of state dies

VATICAN CITY, March 9 (R)—Cardinal Jean Villot, the Vatican's Secretary of State, died tonight, the Vatican announced. He was 73. The French cardinal had been taken to his private apartments at the Vatican from hospital earlier today. Cardinal Villot, who twice led the Roman Catholic Church last year after the deaths of popes Paul VI and John Paul I, was taken to the Gemelli Clinic in Rome last Monday suffering from pneumonia. Tonight's statement from Vatican Spokesman Father Romeo Panciroli said the Cardinal's condition deteriorated sharply earlier this evening. He was suffering from bronchial pneumonia aggravated by viral complications. Father Panciroli added in the first official account of the Cardinal's illness. Cardinal Villot, former Archbishop of Lyons, was visited in hospital yesterday by Pope John Paul II.

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U.S. military team arrives in Sanaa

A 10-member U.S. military team arrived today to supervise the ceasefire between North and South Yemen, Sanaa Radio reported. The two sides agreed to end their border fighting but the ceasefire has not been fully implemented. The U.S. team, headed by Major General William H. Anderson, arrived in Sanaa on a 20-hour tour of the three-day ceasefire. Anderson said the team's mission was to monitor the ceasefire and report to the U.S. Secretary of Defense. He said the team would be in Sanaa for three days, then being handled at international level. Mr. Anderson said the team would be in Sanaa for three days, then being handled at international level. Mr. Anderson said the team would be in Sanaa for three days, then being handled at international level.

Regional Briefs

U.S. Embassy in Sanaa
The U.S. Embassy in Sanaa today announced that it had received a letter from the North Yemeni government asking for the withdrawal of U.S. military personnel from the country. The letter said that the North Yemeni government was concerned about the presence of U.S. military personnel in the country and requested that they be withdrawn. The U.S. Embassy said it was studying the letter and would respond to it as soon as possible.

Defector had
A defector from the North Yemeni government has been reported to have fled to the South Yemeni government. The defector is said to be a high-ranking official in the North Yemeni government and is believed to have been involved in the recent ceasefire negotiations. The South Yemeni government has expressed interest in the defector and is reportedly offering him a position of high rank in its government.



President Carter waves to crowds along the railroad tracks as President Sadat talks with reporters and photographers during their train ride from Cairo to Alexandria Friday. (AP wirephoto)

Astounds aides, surprises Carter

Sadat unexpectedly becomes optimistic

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, March 9 (Agencies)—An unexpectedly optimistic President Anwar Sadat said today Egypt and Israel were on the verge of signing a peace treaty after months of deadlocked negotiations.

Only a misunderstanding and a few words here and there were blocking success, he said as he and President Carter made a triumphal four-hour train journey from Cairo to Alexandria. Mr. Sadat surprised President Carter by his upbeat mood, and Egyptian sources, who believed there were a number of obstacles to be removed, were astounded by what he said. President Carter was far less optimistic about the prospects for the success of his peace mission, which he opened in Cairo yesterday and which takes him to Tel Aviv tomorrow night. "Obviously we'll go to Israel with some differences remaining," he told reporters aboard the train. "I'll do the best I can to resolve these differences."

"We obviously came on this trip without any assurance of success," Mr. Carter said. Egyptian sources were unable to explain why President Sadat appeared highly optimistic about the outcome of his talks on new American proposals for breaking the Egyptian-Israeli impasse. U.S. Officials, sceptical that a breakthrough was imminent, said the first round of talks between presidents Carter and Sadat last night had ended on an inconclusive note. Some Egyptian sources suggested that President Sadat had reacted too enthusiastically to the excitement generated among the vast throngs greeting him and Mr. Carter today. "I am ready to sign an agreement," Mr. Sadat said as he and Mr. Carter waved to cheering throngs from an open balcony car on the train. "I have found there is no obstacle in the way," Mr. Sadat declared. "There is only a misunderstanding about the main issues. Apart from this, yes, I think we are on the verge of an agreement."

Asked to say what the main obstacle was to the conclusion of a peace treaty with Israel, he replied: "It may appear ridiculous, but only some words here and there—only some words."

President Carter said he expected to leave for Israel tomorrow as arranged for talks with Mr. Begin but he would not be concerned if he had to stay in Egypt for another day. U.S. officials said later that Mr. Carter might return to Cairo "if he hits the jackpot" — meaning agreement by President Sadat and Mr. Begin on any changes in the new American proposals. Mr. Carter's original schedule calls for him to leave Israel for Washington on Monday. If a treaty seemed virtually certain but required more negotiating, the President might extend his Middle East stay by a day or two but was determined not to engage in shuttle diplomacy between Egypt and Israel, the officials said. Neither did he intend to stay in the Middle East if his mission did not succeed by early next week. The two presidents began their second round of talks at Mr. Sadat's rest-house in Maamoura at 7 p.m.

The Egyptian delegation included Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Economy Minister Hamed Sayeh. The American side included Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, Defence Secretary Harold Brown and Special Middle East Envoy Alfred Atherton. The presence of Dr. Sayeh suggested that American financial aid to Egypt could be one of the topics under discussion.

Israeli leaders voice concern over peace prospects

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 9 (R)—Israeli cabinet ministers voiced concern today at Cairo reports that Egypt wanted alterations in the United States peace proposals presented by President Jimmy Carter. Finance Minister Simcha Chilik said: "If the Egyptians insist on changes then we will be in trouble because it will probably mean that Cairo demands further concessions from us and we have gone as far as we can without endangering our national security."

Mr. Begin was quoted by the state radio as saying he had heard about obstacles in President Carter's talks with President Anwar Sadat. The Israeli Premier expressed hope that the Egyptians would not reject the U.S. peace proposals "since negotiations cannot last forever," the radio reported. It quoted him as saying that even if Mr. Carter arrived in Israel with a positive response from Egypt, a peace agreement could not be signed immediately because several issues would still have to be resolved. Mr. Begin did not specify these issues, but he was apparently referring to bilateral relations between Israel and the United States. Some cabinet ministers struck a more gloomy note. Finance Minister Simcha Chilik said: "If the Egyptians insist on changes then we will be in trouble because it will probably mean that Cairo demands further concessions from us and we have gone as far as we can without endangering our national security."

To ensure regional security U.S. sends advanced military equipment to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R)—Two U.S. Air Force flying radar and command stations are on their way to Saudi Arabia, Defence Department sources said today. The planes are specially equipped jumbo jets, known as Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) and can direct warplanes over vast areas. They are among America's most advanced military aircraft. The planes left yesterday and are due to arrive in Saudi Arabia tonight, the sources said. The Pentagon sources told Reuters that the two AWACS would operate only over Saudi Arabian territory. It had not been decided how long they would stay in Saudi Arabia. The Pentagon confirmed earlier today the United States had offered to send a squadron of American-flown F-15 fighters to Saudi Arabia but the Saudis had refused the offer.

U.S. aid timing criticised in North Yemen

LONDON, March 9 (R)—North Yemen, involved in a border war with Marxist South Yemen, is concerned because Soviet advisors are serving with both armies, according to the Middle East Economic Digest (MEED). Correspondent Frank Lennon, a staff member of the London-based magazine, reported in this week's issue that as military supplies from the United States were arriving in Sanaa, Soviet advisors were still in evidence in the city. North Yemen is undergoing a transition from Soviet to American aid. Mr. Lennon quoted an unnamed Sanaa official as saying: "We cannot do a thing without the other side knowing about it. The Russians are with our forces as well and they simply pass on all our secrets."

North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani, in an interview with Mr. Lennon, criticised the United States for the timing of its announcements that it was shipping arms to his country. The Prime Minister said "Washington used poor judgment in the timing of its announcements of these arms shipments, which we have been requesting and awaiting for many months. Now it gives the South an excuse to go and request more and heavier arms from their sources."

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Qadhafi denounces Carter's ME visit

LONDON, March 9 (R)—Libya's leader Col. Muammar Al Qadhafi has denounced President Carter's Middle East peace trip as a farce intended to help his chances of re-election. "He wants to wage a campaign for his presidency, he should not use the Arab nation as a scene," the Libyan News Agency (JANA) quoted Col. Qadhafi as telling a rally in Benghazi.

The report, monitored in London, added: "The Arab nation has no relation whatsoever with the election of an American president."

Col. Qadhafi also pledged his country's support for revolutionaries if they launch a popular uprising in North Yemen, Egypt or Morocco.

He told the rally that the Libyan Jamahiriya was opposed to the fighting between North and South Yemen and was taking part in efforts to end it. But the JANA report said Col. Qadhafi added that Libya supported the Democratic Front of North Yemen based in South Yemen, and would respond positively if asked to fight by its side.

"Similarly if a people's revolution takes place in Yemen, we together with the revolutionary forces would support it, and this applies anywhere, in Morocco and Egypt," he declared.

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Jerusalem reveals

MED JERUSALEM, March 9 (R)—The Supreme Muslim Council in East Jerusalem today published a strong protest against an attack yesterday on the council's offices in the Aqsa and by followers of Rabbi Meir Kahane, the extremist leader of the American-based Jewish Defence League. Kahane told newsmen today his men had protested around the mosque in Jerusalem and had sent a message of support to the Islamic Movement in the Holy Land. In its protest today, the council said it was concerned about the actions of the Jewish Defence League and its leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane, who is known for his extremist views and has been involved in several violent incidents in Jerusalem.

Strike today
A strike today in predominantly Moslem West Beirut was a strike in protest against the Middle East visit of President Jimmy Carter. The strike came in response to a call by the Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Central Political Council of the National Movement, which groups most leftist parties. The northern city of Tripoli and Sidon in South Lebanon also observed the strike.

Khomeini, Bazargan discuss matters of national interest

TEHRAN, March 9 (R)—Iranian Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, who has been in the capital since his return from exile, today discussed matters of national interest with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. The two leaders met for several hours and discussed a wide range of issues, including the recent election results and the future of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Bazargan is a moderate and has been a vocal critic of Khomeini's radical policies, but he has remained in the government since his return from exile.

Spokesmen have
Spokesmen have denied the rumours that the Bazargan government is planning to see the mission until an official was formally announced. The Bazargan government has been accused of being a puppet of the United States and of being involved in a plot to overthrow Khomeini. However, the government has consistently denied these allegations and has stated that it is committed to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Hanoi give reports

OK, March 9 today said Chinese still occupying Vietnam two days after a withdrawal deadline. The Chinese government has been accused of occupying Vietnam and of violating international law. The Chinese government has denied these allegations and has stated that it is committed to the peaceful resolution of the Vietnam issue. However, the international community has been critical of the Chinese government's actions and has called for a withdrawal of Chinese forces from Vietnam.

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specific deadline Chinese, who launched an attack on northern Vietnam Feb. 17. Reliable sources were unable to say the withdrawal was being limited so as to departing troops harassed by Vietnamese forces. The Chinese government has been accused of harassing Vietnamese forces and of violating international law. The Chinese government has denied these allegations and has stated that it is committed to the peaceful resolution of the Vietnam issue. However, the international community has been critical of the Chinese government's actions and has called for a withdrawal of Chinese forces from Vietnam.

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A fresh look

THE RAIN that has at last arrived this week, delighting our farmers and filling our reservoirs, has settled the dust and put a new freshness in the air. Invigorated with a new clarity of thought, we pause to marvel anew at the fragile ecosystem of which we humans are in fact so insignificant a part. The stately cycle of the seasons turns and turns again: for all our passionate sweating and straining, we are powerless to intervene.

Political metaphors spring to mind as we endure the buffeting of fearsome westerly winds and wait for the black clouds to roll away. Politicians bearing promises may come and go, but life goes on. In the Middle East, life is so much a question of survival: we balance on the knife-edge between the promise of prosperity and the menace of disaster.

Awareness of this instills the farmers nurturing their crops or the herdsmen shepherding their flocks, as well as the young camp-dwellers nurturing dreams of a land they have never seen, and rulers guiding their people towards the blessings of the future.

In surviving, we learn to endure hardship. We also learn to resist, with the power of will and reason which distinguishes men and women from the lower animals, if we are denied what is ours by birthright. And where our own energies and resources prove inadequate to the task, we look hopefully for help from those whose powers are greater. We are disappointed, sometimes, when hands that help us to build also manoeuvre to help those who seek to tear down what we have built. This disappointment can turn to despair.

If we are beneficiaries of our environment, we can also be victims of it. If we are spared the extreme ravages of drought and flood, fire and famine which afflict so many in the world, we can never afford to luxuriate in false complacency. If Nature is alternately tempestuous and benign, mankind is compelled to wait for the skies to clear. If the trees can bend with the wind, we must sometimes stand firm against it.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian papers Friday editorially comment on President Carter's visit to Cairo:

AL RA'I thinks that President Sadat is trying to rescue the Arabs and the Palestinians by sacrificing their rights and lands. The paper enquires about the position of the Baghdad summit concerning the events taking place in the Middle East. The Baghdad summit resolutions should materialise before the United States succeeds in winning more Arab states to join the Camp David group. It is true, the paper continues, that the United States has so far been successful with the Egyptians; but what are the concessions that President Sadat has left for the rest of the Arabs to offer so that peace may prevail in the area, the paper asks. The Arab public opinion is being misled concerning the Arab rights. The Arabs ought to do something before it is too late, the paper concludes.

AL DUSTOUR says that many observers believe that President Carter's visit to Cairo is the beginning of an electoral campaign that would pave his way to the White House in the eighties if he succeeds in getting the separate peace agreement with Israel signed. Still many observers fear that Presidents Sadat and Carter are making a leap in the dark, a leap that may herald a serious setback and witness the beginning of the collapse of the U.S. interests in the region, the paper concludes.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying a photo exhibit on "80 Years of French Cinema" during regular hours.

Art Exhibit

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Dept. of Culture and Arts, presents and exhibition of paintings by Khalil Ghneim. The exhibit is at the Goethe Institute, open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Today is the last day.

French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents a feature length documentary on ecology entitled "Le territoire des autres" by Francois Bel, Gerard Vienne and Michel Fano. The film starts at 7:30 p.m.

Syrian air transport delegation arrives here

AMMAN, March 9 (JNA)—A Syrian air transport delegation led by the director of air transport and planning arrived here today to attend the meeting of the Syrian-Jordanian committee for the stan-

darisation of laws and regulations which convenes here tomorrow. During the three-day meeting, the committee will follow up the discussions concerning the standardisation of air transport rules and regulations.

Ajlun resident represents Yonkers

Jordanian named 'goodwill ambassador' by American city

By Breda Finegan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN—On Feb. 6, Mr. Adnan K. Rabadi, a Jordanian who has been living in New York, flew home from New York bearing a proclamation issued by the Mayor of Yonkers (a suburb of New York) that declares Mr. Rabadi to be Yonkers' "Goodwill Ambassador to Jordan."

The proclamation gave Mr. Rabadi the authority to present himself to the Foreign Minister of Jordan to inform him of the honour bestowed upon one of Jordan's citizens living in New York. Following the instructions of Yonkers Mayor Angelo R. Martinelli, Mr. Rabadi did present himself to the Foreign Minister, who asked for the address of Mayor Martinelli in order to write to him and convey his pleasure at the expression of friendship extended by the mayor.

Now, after completing his "diplomatic" duties, Mr. Rabadi is enjoying the beauty of Ajlun with his family. He spends most of his time at the family home, which is perched almost in the shadow of the Qal'at Al Rabad, pondering his future.

After graduating from the teachers' training college at Huswara, he spent nine years teaching at the secondary school in Ajlun. During this time he met and married his wife, Caroline (so named, the story goes, because her father was an avid reader and fell in love with this name from a novel.)

Wanting to improve his life through education, Mr. Rabadi applied for a scholarship to study in Czechoslovakia. He went there in 1969 and spent five years studying international economic relations. His study included work on a master's degree.

However, life there was not what he had hoped for, and he started to look into the possibilities of going to America. After completing his studies in Czechoslovakia, he went to the U.S. to join his two brothers, who had settled in Yonkers. 22



Mr. Adnan K. Rabadi

kilometres from New York City.

Almost immediately upon arrival, Mr. Rabadi found work in a knitwear factory as a machine operator.

In 1976 he and his brothers opened a supermarket. From then on Mr. Rabadi worked in the business part-time and studied during his free time. He earned enough at the store to pay for his keep and his studies.

Because the U.S. education system assessed his previous education as equivalent to a B.A. degree, he set to work to get a master's in Economics from the New School for Social Research in New York. He finally obtained a master's degree in September last year.

During all this time, Mr. Rabadi's wife stayed in Ajlun with the children, a sacrifice he is quick to acknowledge. He has returned home regularly, at least once a year, since first going to Czechoslovakia.

"When I first went to the States it was to see what life was like there because I wanted to take the whole family out there. At first I couldn't afford it because of my studies, but also I didn't like a lot of what I saw. I want my children to grow up strong, knowing the difference between right and wrong. There is too little parental control in America. I want my children to grow up in Jordan, at least until they are a little older."

And how did Mr. Rabadi earn the title 'Goodwill Ambassador'? He has been involved in the Yon-



A group of members from the Council for the Arab-American Organisation and an official of Yonkers City Hall posing after the official registration of the organisation. Left to right: Mr. Sami Innabi (Rmameen, Jordan); Nader Sayegh (Rmameen); John O'Brien, director of Yonkers City Hall; George Nasser (Ramallah), President of the Council for the Arab-American Organisation; Mr. Rabadi and Elias Shahadi (Mafrak).

kers' Council for the Arab-American Organisation since its beginning in 1974, the year he arrived in America.

He was instrumental in founding the organisation which was created to help and protect Arab-Americans living in Yonkers and, since there are so many, to give them a voice in running the community.

Mr. Rabadi estimates that 10,000 of Yonkers' 200,000 residents are of Arab descent and that 95 per cent of that figure are originally from Jordan.

The Arab-Americans organised elections which resulted in the Council for the Arab-American Organisation being recognised as the voice of Arab-Americans in Yonkers.

One thing Mr. Rabadi pointed out as important is that the organisation helps young Arabs going to the States to find work. "We don't want them going on welfare if they are fit to work," he declared.

Before leaving for Jordan at the beginning of February Mr. Rabadi, as an elected member of the board of the organisation, was chosen to convey Yonkers' friendship and goodwill to Jordan and the proclamation was drawn up and presented to him by Mayor Martinelli just before his departure.

Although he has been offered a place at the New School for Social Research to do his PhD, Mr. Rabadi is home to look for work. If he cannot find a position that will "enable me to live with dignity," he will go back to the States—this time with his wife and children.

Islamic nations ask U.N. to support Jordan's position

NEW YORK, March 9 (JNA)—Representatives of Islamic nations at the United Nations today asked Security Council members to support Jordan's stand with regard to the Israeli settlements issue in the occupied Arab territories.

The request was contained in a statement issued after a meeting of Islamic nations' representatives held here at the request of Jordan's United Nations ambassador Hazem Nuseibeh.

In their statement the Islamic nations called on the council to take necessary measures to put an end to Israel's aggressive policy and its establishment of settlements on occupied Arab lands since these actions constitute a violation of the Geneva agreement of 1949 and are contradictory to international principles and United Nations resolutions.

The Islamic nations expressed their determination to exert all their efforts to stop settlement operations on the occupied Arab territories, particularly in the city of Jerusalem, and stressed their determination to preserve the Arab and Islamic character of the city. The statement also said that the Islamic nations oppose any form of religious or racial discrimination, and it reaffirmed their deep belief in equality among people irrespective of their religious beliefs.

The Security Council is due to open a debate on the issue later today.

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PLO aid arrives for talks

AMMAN, March 9 (R)—Palestine army (PLA) commander Brigadier Abdel Al Yehia arrived last night in Damascus for talks with Jo officials.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) sources comment on press reports that Brigadier Yehia, recently the PLO's executive co representative to Jordan discuss arrangements for here by PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

The PLO Political Dept head Farouk Kaddoum said his visit to Jordan that Mr. Arafat's expected later this month.

European Investment Bank grants loan to Jordan

LUXEMBOURG, March 9 (R)—The European Investment Bank, the Common long-term finance institution, announced a loan to Jordan at boosting industrial production to increase trade with states and create jobs.

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Car manufacturers bid for Jordanian-Syrian assembly plant project

AMMAN, March 9 (JNA)—The Syrian-Jordanian Industrial Company concluded a three-day board meeting today which reviewed the white cement project. President of the company Khalid Al Najdawy said.

An invitation for tenders will soon be made and the final site of the project in Jordan will be decided upon.

Mr. Al Najdawy pointed out that the company will embark on the implementation of an insecticide project in Syria by the end of the current year.

He also explained that the company has received bids from several car manufacturing companies to participate in the establishment of a car assembly project at an initial output of eight to ten thousand small cars, and four to eight thousand mini-buses. He also said that the Syrian-Jordanian company is studying this project, and that it will send memoranda to other companies to submit their studies concerning this project.

Meanwhile the company is corresponding with several companies concerning the setting up of a plant for the production of steel-ball bearings used in the cement factories.

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EXHIBITS

TURSDAY, March 10: For the first time in nearly ten years, Na'ba has agreed to exhibit his works publicly in a one-man show at the Arab Cultural Centre.

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THEATRE

TURSDAY, March 10: "The King Is King," a drama by Shakespeare based on the prince and the pauper theme, ten-day run at Al Hamra Theatre. The cast is made up of the National Theatre of Syria. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. daily except Friday.

TURSDAY, March 10: "Now Let the People Applaud" is production directed by Khalil Kubayyah at the Federation of Workers' Union Building across from the Meridien Hotel. Time is 8:30 p.m. nightly except Friday.

CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, March 12: Rudwan Ala El-Din, a pianist from Lebanon will perform western classical music at 8:30 p.m. at Al Hamra Theatre.

LECTURES

THURSDAY, March 10: "Problems of Contemporary Art" is the topic of Dr. Marc Le Bot, professor of the University of Paris at 6:30 p.m. at the Shamiyah Room of the Damascus Arab Museum (in French).

FRIDAY, March 13: Hubert Joly, Secretary General of the Social Council of the French Language, will speak at 6:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre. His topic: "Dialogue de la langue et de la langue française."

WEDNESDAY, March 14: Dr. Marc Le Bot will again discuss "Problems of Contemporary Art" at 6:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French).

WEDNESDAY, March 14: "Love and Suffering" titles a new play by Ayman Abushar reading his poetry at the Soviet Cultural Centre at 6 p.m. (in Arabic).

ENTERTAINMENT

The Kookies, two talented blonde singing sisters, have a three-week engagement at the Meridien Hotel. They are singing nightly at the rooftop supper club of the hotel until Feb. 24.

VIDEO-TAPED PROGRAMMES

WEDNESDAY, March 14: "Arsene Lupin: La Demeure de l'Enfer" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French).

THURSDAY, March 16: "Montand de mon temps" is slated for 6 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French).

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be partly cloudy to cloudy at times with scattered rain in the northern and central regions. Winds will be westerly. In Aqaba Gulf it will be partly cloudy, winds will be moderate and seas will be calm.

	Overnight minimum	Daytime maximum
Amman	5	13
Jerusalem	12	20
Haifa	11	19
Tripoli	5	16

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Our WEEKLY CALENDAR has resumed publication each Friday on a regular basis. We would like to draw your attention to the fact that the Jordanian must be informed of events to be included in this well in advance; the deadline is 12:00 noon Thursday.

To ensure that all events for the following week are as they will continue to be listed—without daily under WHAT'S GOING ON.



A scene from "The King Is King" is enacted by the National Theatre of Syria. The play opens tonight for a ten-day run at Al Hamra Theatre.



"Young Zenobia" titles this oil painting by Nazir Na'ba, one of 20 monumental works by the Syrian master on view this week at the Arab Cultural Centre.

FILMS

SUNDAY, March 11: "Boat of Happiness" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre (in German, Arabic sub-titles).

SATURDAY, March 10 and MONDAY, March 12: "L'Amor l'apres-midi," a 1972 film directed by Eric Rohmer starring Bernard Verlay and Zouzou will be shown at 7:30 p.m. both nights at the French Cultural Centre (in French, Arabic sub-titles).

WEDNESDAY, March 14: "The Waits" is title of a film to be shown at 6 p.m. at the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).

THURSDAY, March 15: "Le Cercle Rouge," a police film directed by Jean-Pierre Melville starring Yves Montand and Bourvil will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

PAT-POURRI

A columnist can't write a column if she doesn't have a roof over her head and being aware of the housing shortage in Damascus, the Jordan Times agreed to print this appeal for housing. I am looking for a guest cottage, but will rent a

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'Plasticulture' brings higher yields from Jordan's sunshine

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles the Jordan Times is publishing this month investigating the applications of solar energy in Jordan)

By Rami G. Khouri
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's plentiful supply of winter sun is being used in the Jordan Valley to compensate for erratic rainfall elsewhere in the country to dramatically increase the national output of winter off season fruits and vegetables.

Ten years after an experiment was attempted at the Agriculture Ministry's experimental station at Deir Alla, in the centre of the Jordan Valley, a survey being completed today shows a sharp increase in the use of plastic houses and tunnels to convert the sun's energy in winter into increased vegetable production. In many cases, production of tomatoes or cucumbers is four or five times what it used to be before plastic houses were used, according to University of Jordan Agriculture Faculty Professor, Dr. Youssef M. Rushdi, who has worked closely with "plasticulture" growing in Jordan.

He told the Jordan Times this week the use of plastic houses in the valley creates a "microclimate" inside the plastic covering which increases plant growth in two ways: first, it allows a higher temperature in the daytime which speeds up the process of photosynthesis by which green plants convert sunlight into energy stored in their leaves and fruits, and second, it does not allow the temperature at night to get so low that the plants are injured or killed by frost or microorganisms that thrive in lower temperatures.

"Plants that always used to be stunted in the winter are now growing very well in plastic houses and row tunnels in the winter season," Dr. Rushdi said.

The houses or tunnels, which can be seen in great numbers today as one drives up the main road in the centre of the valley, trap the sun's energy under the plastic and thereby increase the output of produce because of higher temperatures and higher humidity levels. The higher relative humidity inside the plastic houses also means there is less water loss by the plants, and a corresponding drop in water consumption.

Harnessing the sun's energy in this way has brought about a dramatic increase in the production of off season fruits and vegetables. Tomatoes grown in the open, as has been done traditionally in the valley in winter, produce an average of two tons per dunum. Under the plastic houses, Dr. Rushdi says, a dunum produces between eight and ten tons.

Cucumbers are being produced at the rate of 12 tons per dunum under plastic in the winter, which is highly significant for the farmers' potential income, because cucumbers are not normally grown in winter, and their winter availability by growing them under plastic means they will fetch a higher price on the retail market because of consumer demand.

In fact, Dr. Rushdi points out, about 95 per cent of all produce in winter plastic houses is cucumbers, reflecting the market's demand. Other winter vegetables being grown under plastic include tomatoes, peppers, eggplant.

beans and muskmelons.

The potential for growing off season cash crops in the Jordan Valley during the December-April months is enormous, Dr. Rushdi says, and this is already becoming obvious to the farmers themselves, who have quickly appreciated the higher earnings they can achieve by using plasticulture.

Surveys carried out since plastic houses were first demonstrated experimentally at Deir Alla in 1968 show that in the past five years the use of the plastic coverings has risen sharply, and is now doubling annually. Last year there were about 4,000 dunums under plastic, and this year's survey indicates over 8,000 dunums are covered with plastic houses or tunnels.

The large house, a "plastic house" is anything over 2.5 metres high, and can be as long as 40 metres and as wide as ten metres, or the smaller scale row tunnels, which just cover the plants at ground level and are usually less than a metre wide and less than half a metre high) are both made of polyethylene of thicknesses varying from 50 to 200 microns (between one two hundredth of a centimetre and one-fifth of a centimetre thick).

In the past, all the plastic sheeting was imported, but a local fac-

tory has now started producing the material right here in Jordan, and it is expected to cover local demand for the time being.

Galvanized pipes form the support for the plastic houses, while galvanized wire keeps the row tunnels in place. The plastic for the houses has to be changed about every 2-3 years.

It costs the farmer between JD1,400 - JD1,800 to place one dunum of land under plastic houses, and only JD 300 for a dunum of row tunnels, but the higher yields have shown that farmers can cover the costs of plasticulating their lands in one or two seasons, depending on their skills and their use of fertilisers and pesticides.

Most plants under the plastic are irrigated by drip irrigation, which is more expensive but more efficient in the long run, while some furrow irrigation is also still being used in the valley.

The plastic covers are removed usually in late March, because after that the plastic would retain so much heat that the plants would be injured or killed. Experiments are underway to maintain the plastic houses all year round, by the use of nets or sprays to shade the plants during the hot summer months, but Dr. Rushdi says the major application of plasticulture appears to be for winter use to grow off season fruits and vegetables.

He even thinks it would make sense to grow flowers during winter, which could be sold in Jordan and the Middle East and even in Europe, where they could be

flowed daily by cargo planes.

"As production increases, the farmers will have to develop more sophisticated marketing methods to maintain their revenues in the face of greater supplies of produce coming on to the market," Dr. Rushdi predicts. He adds that "farmers will also have to diversify their production as well as open up new markets in the Middle East and Europe."

He does not see much use for plastic houses in other parts of the country, such as in the hilly areas, because nighttime temperatures there go down so low that they injure the plants. The way to prevent this would be to heat the plastic houses, as they do in Europe, but that becomes too expensive.

While the gain in temperature during the day is very high under the plastic covers, it is much less at night, and it is the night time drop in temperature that is most critical for a plant's health.

While the plasticulture will raise the temperature by as much as 20°C during winter days, at night the plasticulture only raises the temperature by an average of 2-3°C, according to Dr. Rushdi. But that rise in nighttime temperature is enough to make a big difference in the general health of plants, which take advantage of the high daytime winter temperature under the plastic houses to grow quickly and to big sizes.

In winter, when the mean open air temperature in the daytime in the Jordan Valley is 15°C in January and February, under the plastic it is about 20°-25°C, and sometimes rises even higher.



Plastic houses in the Jordan Valley are increasing the Kingdom's production of fruits and vegetables.

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Fancy meeting you in the forest

By Cordelia Oliver

There is a good deal of truth in the sculptor's perennial complaint that his is the poor relation of the arts. Whereas painters are well catered for in the many commercial galleries throughout Britain, and in large open exhibitions of the academies and provincial shows, for sculptors display space is harder to find, especially for those who work on a large scale.

Painters can stack their unsold canvases against the wall of the studio, or even the bedroom; but

Eduardo Paolozzi's "The World Divides Into Facts", one of the sculptures on view in the Carrbridge Sculpture Park in northern Scotland.

Sculptors who think big and work in larger than life proportions have no such easy answer to storage problems.

But no gallery, however spacious, can offer that delightful element of surprise which one experiences on coming unexpectedly upon a large piece of good sculpture out of doors, in a more or less stimulating relationship with its environment. As with the great Renaissance sculptors in Italy, the setting may well be an urban one, already alive with architecture. Or, as with

A pine forest near Carrbridge in northern Scotland is the unlikely but exciting site of a new sculpture park where, in heathery clearings and against a background of tall trees, works of leading artists are sharing a setting of magic and mystery. Initiated by Andrew Mylius, a young Scottish sculptor, it offers a challenge to artists to pit their creative skills against Nature.

Henry Moore's King and Queen, sited high on the moorland of the Scottish Borders at Shawhead, a piece of good sculpture may gain immensely from collaboration with Nature.

It is this collaborative opportunity which makes the new sculpture park at Carrbridge in Scotland's Invernesshire such an exciting enterprise both for sculptors and for anyone interested in seeing sculpture in a rewarding setting.

The site is an existing tourist centre—a model of its kind, incidentally, with all kinds of facilities, laid out with admirable discretion and consideration for the landscape—and the sculptures share an ancient pine forest with a natural trail.

Its benefit to sculptors over and above the obvious one of the magic and mystery of the setting is mainly that it is much better to

show your work on a tourist route than in a lonelier place of equal attraction.

Officially the Carrbridge Sculpture Park is a joint enterprise by the recently formed Scottish Sculpture Trust and the Landmark Tourist Centre run by David Hayes. But its initiator and prime mover is Andrew Mylius, a young Scottish sculptor more determined than most on self help.

Indeed, his original idea—a sort of pilot scheme for the present one—was to set a few pieces by himself and friends above the snowline on the mountainside near the ski lift at Glenshee, south of Braemar. These mostly metal objects—one like a great erect sail, another like twin monolithic magnets, and a third blatantly figurative and over life size—have been known to cause northbound motorists to stop and investigate what they took to be curious

freaks of nature.

But the site at Landmark, besides being permanent, offers a variety of spaces for different sorts of sculpture in the heather forest clearings—something impossible on the open mountainside. It also offers a challenge—more so than any gallery—in the fact that, over and above the potent atmosphere and the magical top light when the weather is right, the pines themselves are far taller than any man-made sculpture.

There is also the hazard of light and weather, controllable only by Nature. Thus, like actors on tour, only the best will respond equally well to an environment which may be flat and dull, or positively dramatic when the weather is right, and occasionally so wet as to make the forest inaccessible except to the most ardent spirits.

Of the dozen or so pieces so far installed at Carrbridge, Gerald Laing's "Division" has been the most successful in meeting the challenge head on. The twin lines of his galvanised steel structure thrust forcibly downward and then outwards for many metres on either side, incidentally trapping may be 20 tree trunks in the visual spread. Yet the piece all but disappears in its own slenderness as you pass by on either flank.

Andrew Mylius' own burnished, speedlined panel, "Silver and Pewter", meets the challenge

in another way. You go through the trees like a falling car (not for nothing a lover, designer and drawing cars).

And Eduardo Paolozzi's robot tower in aluminium futile but still vastly in one can imagine some artist a thousand years hence baffled by this suppose 20th century machinery. William Pye's "B" poised at the forest's thing of delicacy for a With its descending veil taut horizontals it is giant's pampipe for the play on. John Panting tributed an equally airy of rusting metal, all angles.

And among the dictable steel plane or in rusting or iridescent Dennis Barns' red stained timber struts out—a real presence in clearing, all interlock and lintels like some temple gate.

Carrbridge is the first of a new deal for sculpture land, but not for Scotland only—there is no cha this enterprise: all appl welcome from no ma Hopefully its success, similar parks in other beautiful Scottish cou

What time is it?

MOSCOW — Have you ever seen a pocket watch made, totally from ivory? Or a clock carved of wood? These and many other masterpieces by outstanding watchmakers could be seen at the State Polytechnical Museum in Moscow at an exhibition of time pieces. There were mechanisms of various sizes. Wandering in the exhibition halls makes an attractive journey into the history of watch-making. Here is a solar clock. It is known, that in the old times people could tell time, according to the position of the sun in the sky. Instru-

centuries. One could also see the astronomic clock made early in this century. Besides time, it shows days of the week, months, time of the sunrise and sunset, and phases of the moon. The astronomic clock, made by self-taught mechanic Frants Karas and his pupil Juzef Monkus, catches the eye. As a mater of fact it is a

real calendar, measuring time, date, day of the week, year and the moon phase. It needs winding once in 400 days. At the exhibition there were displayed the production of Soviet watch-making factories: alarm-clocks of the thirties, the Pobeda watch, popular in the fifties and popular modern time pieces. (TASS)

A watch made of ivory made by Master S. Bronniko (early 19th century)

ments remain which can do it quite precisely. Mechanical time pieces are great in number. Of interest are the fire place clocks in various shapes, real masterpieces, which served as decoration in the homes of noble families of the 18th and 19th



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ES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Know what your potentials put out the right effort so that you make the most of them. You have and can use advanced ideas of a nature to your advancement. Stop talking and doing so much and get busy working.

BUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Consider buying new or appliances that speed work at home. Think progressive lines and get fine results. Don't waste with people who are stodgy, dull.

INI (May 21 to June 21) Get together with people who are difficult to see during work days and get advice for improving regular activities. Reread and statements for possible errors.

N CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You have to be now in order to have more abundance, and this is time to do so. Plan how to improve property. Take time to do so. Plan how to improve property. Take time to do so. Plan how to improve property. Take time to do so.

(July 22 to Aug. 21) Plan how to become more and charming so that you can accomplish more. Contact good friends and have a good time. Plan a new course of action. Experts give suggestions privately that should be followed.

IA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) Study your acquaintances and know which ones you want to become your good and cultivate them. Accept an invitation to a gathering that may come suddenly. Dress nicely.

PIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get into some civic work and help to make conditions around you better. Outside affairs well. Take it easy in the evening.

TTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A good time to be new place where you can get a different perspective on how better to advance in the future. way to cut down on expenses and save.

ICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study your responses and know how best to discharge them. Show affection for loved ones and feel happier. Avoid one's eye on four assets.

ARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have made an agreement with another and now have to carry through conscientiously. A new situation arises that can be beneficial to you. Take good care of your health.

ES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Good time to improve surroundings. Be thoughtful with family members in more cooperation. Organize monetary affairs.

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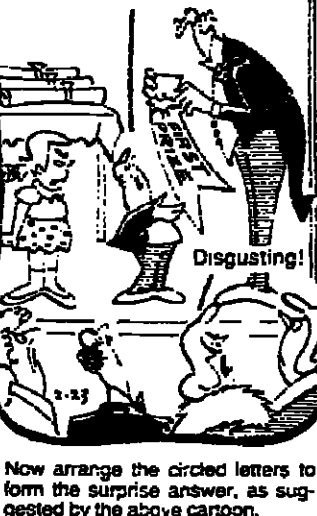
West Berlin runs a couple of converted vans as taxis for the disabled as do a number of local authorities in West Germany. People who are wheelchair-bound just dial for it to come round. But they still need help getting into the back of the van. This new design from the department of automotive engineering at Aachen University is to undergo trials in West Berlin with the aid of a Bonn research grant. The prototype will incorporate a hydraulic ramp reaching almost down to the ground, so the disabled should be able to alight and descend by themselves. (Dad photo)

JUMBLE

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TAMMOR
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: YOUNG CABIN PLOVER ASTRAY Answer: Ordered to appear in court - for making bean soup - "SUBPOENA"

THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



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THE Daily Crossword

by Jeanette K. Brill

ACROSS

1 Axe
5 Fall flower
10 Football team
14 Israeli dance
15 Wide scarf
16 Disarmament
17 Junkie
18 Carnelian
19 Zola heroine
20 Comedian
21 Green-Slyne hit show
23 Summit
24 Arrow
25 Softly, in music
28 Stage scenery

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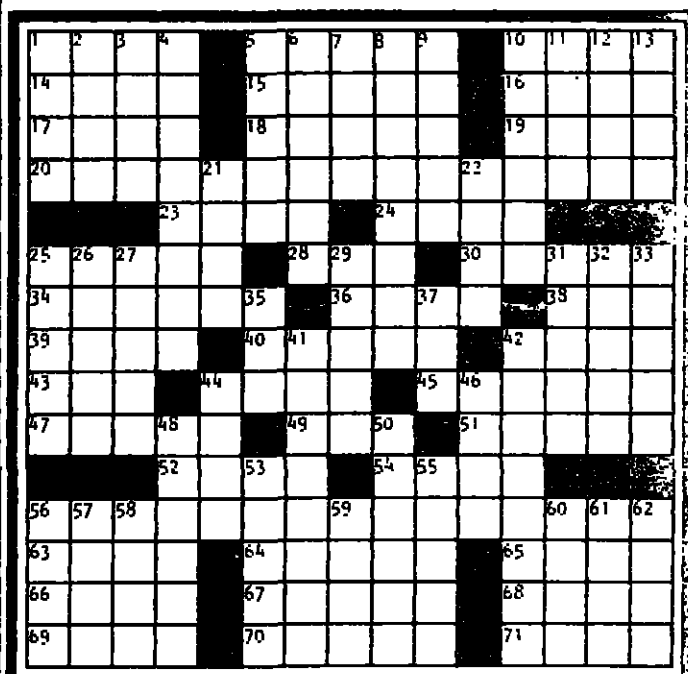
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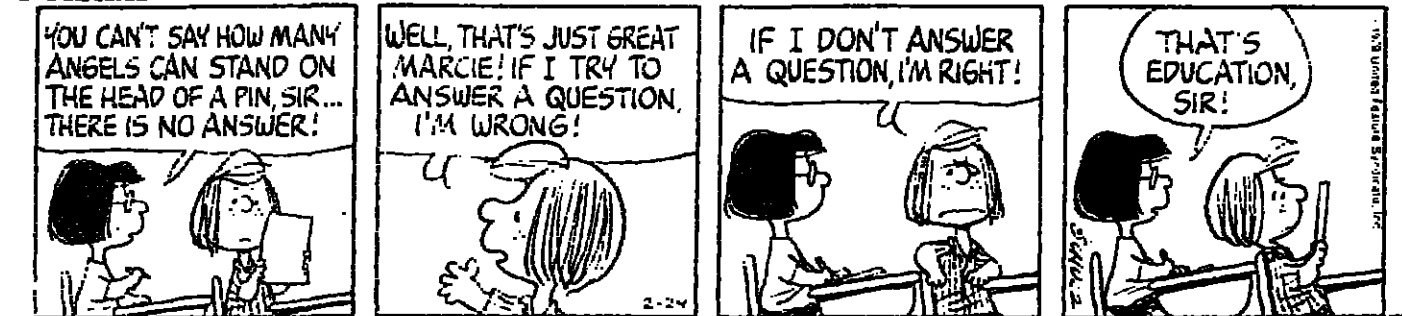
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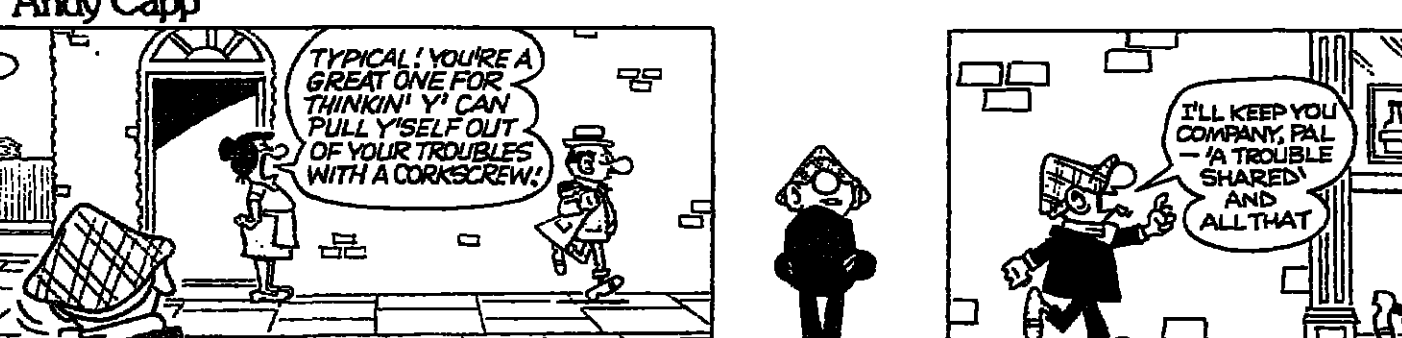
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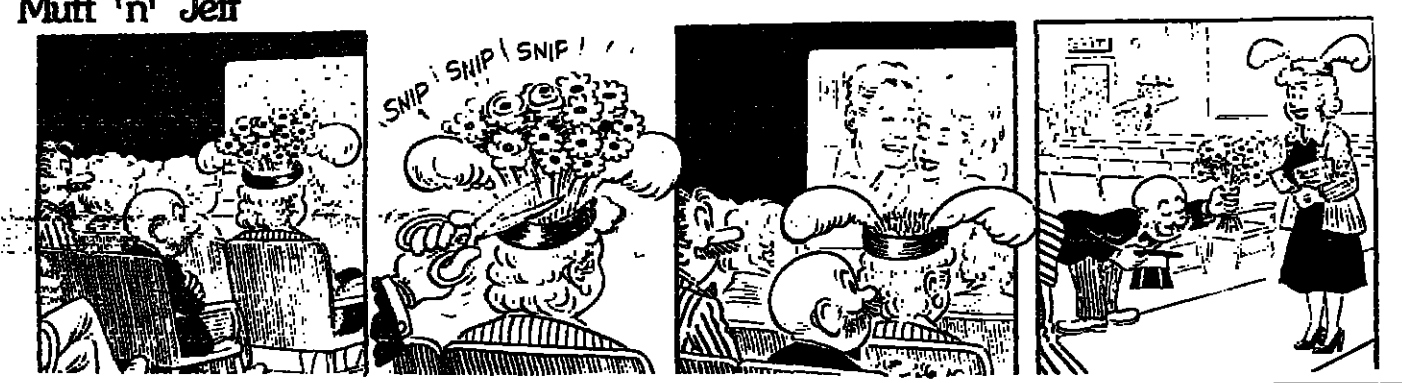
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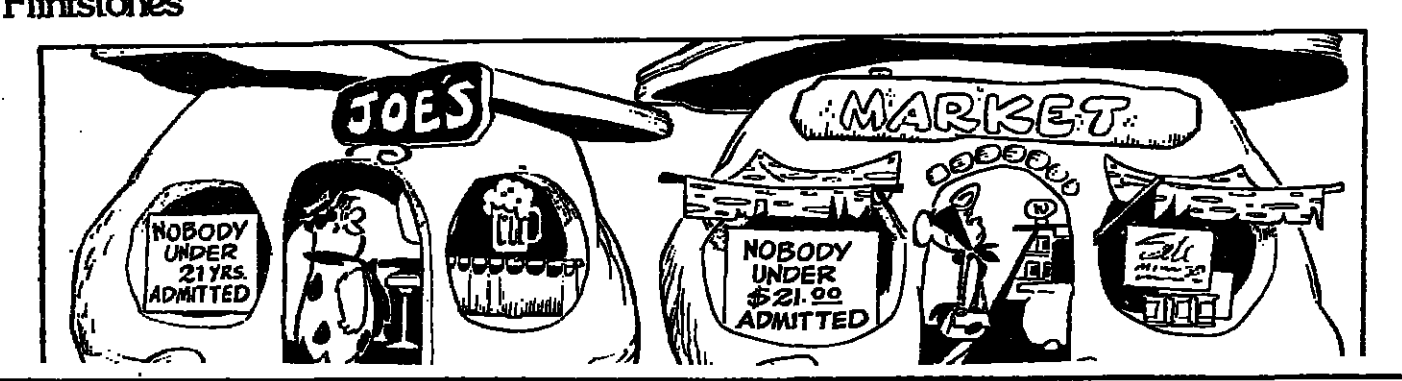
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JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

BBC RADIO

04:00 Newswatch	13:15 Europe
04:30 Where Angels Fear to Tread	13:30 Network U.K.
04:45 Financial News: Reflections	13:45 Classical Record Review
05:00 News, Press Review	14:00 Sarah and Company
05:15 About Britain	14:30 Command Performance
05:30 Pictorial and Music	15:00 Radio Newswatch
05:45 The World Today	15:15 Saturday Special
06:00 Newswatch	16:00 News, Commentary
06:30 What's new	16:15 Saturday Special
07:00 News, News about Britain	17:00 News summary, Sunday special
07:15 From the Weeklies	17:45 Sports Roundup
07:30 The Voice of the Voice	18:00 News, News about Britain
07:45 Network U.K.	18:15 Radio Newswatch
08:00 News, Reflections	18:30 Play of the Week
08:15 News, Press Review	19:05 English Song
09:15 World Today	20:00 News, Commentary
09:30 Financial News, Look Ahead	20:15 People in Politics
09:45 Science in Action	20:30 Operatic Lovers
10:15 About Britain	21:15 The Book Programme
10:30 Matthew on Music	21:45 Musical Musical
11:00 News, News about Britain	22:00 News: Theatre Call
11:15 New Ideas: The Week in Wales	22:30 New Ideas: Reflections
11:30 Entertain	22:45 Sports Roundup
12:00 Radio Newswatch	
12:15 Jazz for the Asking	
12:45 Sports Roundup	

VOICE OF AMERICA

04:00 The Breaking show: news on the hour and 24 min after each hour	19:00 News and This Week
17:00 Weekend	20:00 Special English news words and their stories
18:00 Special English: news words and their stories, feature, short stories	20:15 Music USA (Jazz)
18:30 New York, New York	21:00 Weekend

JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 3	CHANNEL 4
5:30 Quran	6:30 French programme
5:45 Caravan	7:00 News in French
6:00 Mohammed Ali	7:30 News in Hebrew
6:10 Children's programme	8:30 Doctor on the go
6:10 Return to Peyton Place	9:10 Echoes of the studio
6:30 News in Arabic	10:00 News in English
6:30 Arabic series	10:15 Executive Suite
6:50 Arabic programme	11:20 Saturday Jones
10:15 Executive Suite	
11:10 News in Arabic	
11:20 Saturday Jones	

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign on	14:30 Hay Day Yagzan
7:10 Morning show	15:00 Concert Hour
7:30 News Bulletin	16:00 News summary
7:40 Morning Show	16:30 Easy listening
8:00 News Headlines	16:50 Old favorites
10:30 As I see it (Host: Razi)	17:00 In concert
11:00 Sign off	17:30 Radiotheque
11:30 Sign on and news headlines	18:00 News summary
12:15 Radiotheque	18:30 Album review
13:00 News summary	19:00 News Bulletin
13:45 Radiotheque	19:10 News Reports
14:00 News bulletin	19:30 Sign off
14:10 Music	

AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS:	DEPARTURES:
7:50 Cairo (EA)	6:05 Damascus, Munich, Frankfurt (LH)
8:25 Muzai, Doha (RUGF)	7:30 Agaba
9:00 Karachi, Dubai	7:40 Beirut, Paris (AF)
9:15 Kuwait	8:00 Beirut
10:00 Agaba	8:45 Beirut (MEA)
10:15 Tehran	8:55 Cairo (EA)
10:20 Beirut	10:30 Benghazi
12:40 Riyadh (SDI)	11:00 Brussels, Amsterdam
13:30 Cairo	11:30 Vienna, Copenhagen, Oslo
14:00 Baghdad (IA)	12:00 Paris, London
14:00 Beirut (MEA)	13:00 Cairo
22:40 London (BA)	13:45 Riyadh, Dhahran (SDI)
24:50 Rome (AZ)	19:00 Jeddah
	20:00 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RUGF)
	20:15 Baghdad (IA)
	23:40 Ramat Hashanah (BA)
	01:50 Dubai (AZ)

EMERGENCIES

Districts:	Al-Jish (22068)
Amman:	Int'l:
Sulfaim Danabi (76751)	Al-Haditha
Int'l:	Zargat
Abdullah Rastak Telecenter (2079)	Manjara
Zargat:	Tasla
Nabed Ashum (85322)	Tasla (22054)
Pharmacies:	Ned (44373)
Amman:	Al-Jish (21127)
Grand (64511)	Tasla (44668)

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel. 41520
British Council	36147-9
French Cultural Centre	33911
Georgian Institute	41903
Soviet Cultural Centre	44203
Syrian Cultural Centre	34609
Hava Arts Centre	65195
Hava Arts Youth City	67181
Y.W.C.A.	41783
Y.W.C.A.	64251
Amman Municipal Library	36111
University of Jordan Library	65111
Cradle Museum	36191
Folklore Museum	36191

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 73111
Civil defence force	24392
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36761-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Najdah moving patrol rescue police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency	21111, 37777
Amman information (AJIA)	55295
Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74124
First aid, fire, police	19
Fire headquarters	22901

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al-Hamra Theatre	Tel. 226-448
Al-Sharq Art Gallery	24392
American Centre	552-362
Arab Cultural Centre	333-727
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	551-901
British Cultural Centre	333-594
Democratic Republic Cultural Centre	333-932
French Cultural Centre	230-094
Kalbiyah Theatre	232-016
National Museum	114-854
Soviet Cultural Centre	235-450
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-003
Libanese Art Gallery	234-619
Zahran Public Library	111-318
West German Cultural Institute	224-954

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 80
Chamber of Commerce	114-339
Electric Power Co. (repair)	223-847
Fire headquarters	91
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Says Idi Amin Tanzanian invasion forces retreating from Uganda

LONDON, March 9 (R)—Uganda Radio reported today that a Tanzanian-backed invasion force was retreating in its drive into Uganda.

The radio, monitored in London, issued a "special announcement" reporting that President Idi Amin, identified as Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Joint Services, "says that reports received from the battlefield last night and this morning are very encouraging."

The broadcast added: "The enemy is retreating. The armed forces have captured intact long-range artillery and other military hardware from the retreating enemy."

"The morale of the armed forces is very high indeed. The supreme commander (General Amin) assures the people of Uganda that they can carry on with their normal duties. There is nothing to fear."

An earlier Uganda Radio broadcast said a Tanzanian-backed invasion force last night had overrun two towns on the road to Kampala and was nearing a village 30 miles (50 km) from the Ugandan capital.

The radio, monitored in Nairobi, said the invaders had overpowered small Ugandan army units in the towns of Masaka and Lukaya. The broadcast quoted President Idi Amin as say-

ing he was not worried by the situation—even though it was described as "grave".

Uganda exile sources in Nairobi had earlier reported fighting at Mpigi, the village named in the Ugandan bulletin, and diplomats said the invaders were advancing towards Kampala.

The radio said President Amin had told army officers that though the enemy was 100 miles (160 km) inside Uganda, he had not yet gone on the offensive.

He said they must be the last to leave their positions and urged Ugandans to fight to the last man.

Military sources in Nairobi yesterday said the fall of Mpigi would put Uganda's main civil and military airport at Entebbe and the outskirts of Kampala within range of the 122 mm artillery of the invading forces.

The sources said Libyan transport aircraft were flying in military supplies for President Amin's troops to replace weapons lost in earlier fighting.

Sources estimated there were some 1,000 Libyan soldiers in Uganda, many of them stationed at a camp at Nateti, south of Kampala.

One diplomatic source in Nairobi said there was no evidence that Libyans were fighting in President Amin's front line. They appeared to be guarding Uganda's vital installations and acting as military advisers, the source added.

In Lusaka, a group of Ugandan refugees said they had sent a protest note to Libyan Foreign Minister Ali Abdel-Elam Tureiki calling on the Libyan Jamahiriya to withdraw its troops from Ugandan territory and stop interfering in Uganda's internal affairs.

The group said that "thousands of Libyan soldiers are assisting the tyrant (President Idi) Amin to murder, repress and terrorise the people of Uganda."

Nato defector knows secrets of alliance's alarm system

EAST BERLIN, March 9 (R)—A senior Nato secretary who defected to East Germany three days ago says she knows many of the alliance's top secrets including its military alarm plan for an east-west emergency.

In an interview on East German television Ursel Lorenzen claimed she had access to the nerve centre of Nato's operations at its Brussels headquarters.

Miss Lorenzen, 40, said she worked in Nato's Council Operations Directorate and regularly visited what she called the situation centre, where political, military and intelligence reports were processed to form the basis of Nato's policy and strategic planning.

Asked if she had knowledge of Nato's alarm plan for dealing with a European crisis and threat of east-west war, the former secretary replied, "of course".

She refused to give further details on the plan but said she would later reveal information on a whole range of Nato operations. At present it was too soon to give fuller answers, she said.

Miss Lorenzen appeared to confirm fears expressed by Nato Secretary-General Joseph Luns that she had brought details of a theoretical command exercise named "wintex-cimex" with her to East Germany.

She said she knew the timetable of the exercise, which started on Wednesday. Nato officials say the operation is aimed at testing the West's responses to a nuclear war in Europe.

Miss Lorenzen said the wintex exercises were originally purely military activities. "But in the course of recent years the military wintex practices

have been enriched by a political scenario to increase their efficiency for an attack," she said.

She claimed the alliance was becoming increasingly dependent on nuclear weapons in its strategy. The horror over what she said were plans to turn the northern plains of West and East Germany into a radioactive heap of rubble had helped convince her to flee.

Miss Lorenzen accused Dr. Luns of being a major "agitator and whipped up" for a policy of attack in Nato's strategy. "He was and still is a Nazi," she said.

Dr. Luns has admitted membership of the Dutch Nazi party in the 1930s but says he did not join of his own accord and did not share its views.

Diplomats here have speculated that Miss Lorenzen's defection may be connected with the defection to the West in January of a senior East German intelligence officer. Since that time at least 13 communist agents have been arrested and many more are thought to have fled to East Germany to escape detection.

In her interview Miss Lorenzen frequently used political vocabulary common to East Germany's politicians and media.

The Soviet bloc states were always referred to as "socialist states" and not communist countries. Nato planners were termed "enemies of the socialist states."

She said what she called Nato's planning for a future war had clashed with her "humanistic system of values"—a term used by East German leaders to describe the country's communist philosophy.

World New Briefs

Senator cites Iran effect on SALT

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R)—U.S. Ability to verify compliance with a new Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) has been irreparably harmed by loss of monitoring installations, Senator Henry Jackson said yesterday. The Washington Democrat, a leading critic of SALT, said it would be imprudent for the United States to accept the risks involved in treaty provisions that could not be verified. Senator Jackson said: "The loss of the Iran has done irreparable harm for years to come to our monitor Soviet strategic weapons developments including potential Soviet weapons developments that are constraining emerging SALT II treaty."

Rome: Gunmen kidnap political party of

ROME, March 9 (R)—Masked gunmen kidnapped a senior of Rome's Christian Democratic Party in a busy south Rome last night, police said. They said Emilio Francesco, 38, was president of a group of 80 housing cooperatives, was snatched leaving work and forced into a car. There were no indications of who was responsible for the abduction. Mr. Francesco is the 20th person kidnapped in Italy this year but the first

Mediterranean sea life will die in 50 years, n

MADRID, March 9 (R)—All marine life in the Mediterranean will die within 50 years unless urgent measures are taken to contain contamination, French ecologist and underwater explorer Cousteau said here yesterday. "The oceans of the world as the Mediterranean sea is mortally ill and only concerted international efforts can save it," Commander Cousteau said. Commander Cousteau, visiting Madrid to present his encyclopaedia of marine life, said the Mediterranean was dying because of pollution, overfishing, and the diversion or damming of its rivers. "The oceans of the earth were to die, it would be the worst catastrophe in the history of man. It would be the beginning of the end."

Sudan, N. Yemen get large development

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R)—The International Development Association (IDA) said yesterday it had provided Sudan and North Yemen million credit to help finance a highway project. The IDA Bank affiliate, said the aim of the project was to improve remote areas of the country to help transport agricultural products and supplies. The IDA also granted North Yemen a \$5 credit to help finance an irrigation project to regulate water through Wadi Mawr so that it was evenly distributed cultivated land and did not escape to the sea and adjacent marshes. Both credit grants are at standard IDA terms, with 10 years grace. It is interest-free but will carry an annual charge of three-quarters of one per cent to cover administrative costs.

Willy Brandt and wife are seeking a d

BONN, March 9 (R)—Willy Brandt, chairman of West Germany's ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD), and his wife Rut are seeking a divorce, a spokesman for Mr. Brandt said yesterday. Mr. Brandt married Rut Hansen, 59, a Norwegian journalist, in 1949. Three sons. She is his second wife. Mr. Brandt's first marriage to a Norwegian—ended in divorce in 1945.

Kosygin arrives in India for a 6-day

NEW DELHI, March 9 (R)—Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin arrived today for a six-day visit to India. He arrived at New Delhi's Palam Airport by the Prime Minister's plane, accompanied by other members of the Indian Cabinet. Mr. Kosygin's part of a regular series of top-level consultations between the two countries over the past 10 years. His official talks were centred on Indo-China and the Vietnam-China war. He will sign an important new economic cooperation agreement.

Dutchman wins light-heavyweight boxing

ROTTERDAM, March 9 (R)—Holland's Rudy Koppman won the new European light-heavyweight boxing championship after forcing Italian title-holder Aldo Traversari to stop at the seventh round. Traversari blood streaming under his left eye, walked shakily to his corner at the end of the 15-round contest. He failed to come out at the next round and referee Ronald Dakin of Britain declared Dutchman's arm in triumph.

France backs Romania's independent stand

BUCHAREST, March 9 (R)—Romania received backing from France for its independent foreign policy line yesterday when President Valery Giscard d'Estaing said East-West détente should take national independence into account.

The French leader told President Nicolae Ceausescu, his host for a three-day visit, that détente required a breakdown of suspicion between states and the respect of mutual independence.

Diplomats here interpreted his remarks as support for the breakaway foreign policy line that has set Romania at odds with its Warsaw Pact allies.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, speaking at a dinner given by Mr. Ceausescu, said the two countries had always respected each other's independence and freedom. The two were inseparable, he declared.

Romania is at variance with its allies over Indochina, defence budgets and the Middle East.

Romania stood alone by failing to denounce Peking in the China-Vietnam border war. It also attacked the Soviet-backed military takeover in Kampuchea (Cambodia).

The French president also called for Romania to support a European conventional disarmament conference, underscoring the two countries' concern for a deceleration of the arms race.

Mr. Ceausescu has proposed that the Madrid 1980 follow-up meeting to the 1975 Helsinki European Security Conference should be devoted to disarmament.

French officials said the French president's visit reflected the independent stands both countries had adopted within their military alliances, NATO and the Warsaw Pact.

In their first round of talks yesterday, the two leaders discussed détente and disarmament as well as ways of boosting bilateral trade.

Ecevit will launch Turkey on 'economic rescue programme'

ANKARA, March 9 (R)—Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit, disillusioned over what he feels is total neglect by most of his western allies in time of economic crisis, will next week announce an emergency austerity programme which will snub western aid, government sources said here today.

The sources said the social democratic premier decided this week to re-draft his "economic rescue programme" after visits to Paris and Bonn by his finance minister Ziya Muezzinoglu failed to produce urgent cash aid.

Instead of taking into account the billions of dollars Turkey had hoped to receive in fresh aid over the next few years, the programme will now be based on the country's own resources, the sources said.

It will concentrate on measures to bring in badly-needed foreign currency but will not include a devaluation of the Turkish lira, a measure demanded by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and many western governments and banks before further aid is forthcoming.

Mr. Ecevit told foreign newsmen yesterday that the West's failure to come up with aid could have "certain impacts" on Turkey's external relations. He did not elaborate.

But the lack of urgent cash from its allies and the dispute with the IMF has brought a new wave

of anti-western sentiment here.

Both right and left-wing newspapers today attacked the IMF, telling their readers how much aid the fund had granted to other countries such as Portugal, Zaire or Egypt.

"IMF hayri" (no to the IMF) has been painted in large red letters on many walls and buildings here despite martial law.

Mr. Ecevit implicitly blamed the IMF yesterday for weakening the Turkish lira by spreading rumours of a devaluation for the past few months.

The premier also linked the lack of foreign aid and the country's economic straits with Turkey's continuing political violence. "Our economic problems provide rather fertile ground for terrorism," he said.

The new Turkish mood has been reflected by visits to Libya and Bangladesh this week by separate government ministers and ongoing talks with the Soviet Union on buying oil from Moscow.

Less significant, but perhaps more symbolic, was this week's decision by the state-run television to withdraw from the forthcoming Eurovision Song Contest, because it is being held in Jerusalem.

The television's statement said Turkey had always called on Israel to withdraw to the pre-1967 borders.

Target date set for April 17 Presses to roll again at 194-year-old The Times

London, March 9 (R)—Britain's oldest and most influential daily newspaper, The Times, yesterday announced it planned to resume publication on April 17.

Management of The Times newspaper group and labour unions agreed early yesterday, after 11 hours of overnight talks with Employment Minister Albert Booth as mediator, to hold negotiations to end the dispute which has closed The Times, the Sunday Times and sister publications since last November 30.

First Arab energy conf. agrees to draw plan for best use of oil resources

ABU DHABI, March 9 (R)—Arab scientists, economists and technicians have agreed to work out an energy policy to make the best use of remaining Arab oil reserves.

At the first Arab energy conference, which ended here yesterday, delegates from 22 countries agreed to set up a joint Arab energy committee of specialists in various fields of energy.

The committee will be funded by the 10-nation Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

It will make recommendations on the use and development of oil reserves, and study alternative energy sources such as nuclear and solar power.

At the five-day conference, delegates from the oil-rich nations insisted that their oil wealth should be used carefully to finance

industrial development to ensure a self-sustaining economy once the oil runs out.

The conference took place against a background of tension on the international oil market caused by the 10-week suspension of crude exports from Iran.

The international oil shortage led some oil exporters to raise their oil prices sharply. Iran recently resumed exports to Japan priced at around \$20 a barrel, well above the official Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) price of \$13.32.

Oil officials from the consumer nations have speculated that the tension on prices could put pressure on OPEC unity.

But OPEC chairman Mana Oteiba, speaking at the conference, sharply rejected this suggestion and instead attacked the oil companies for raising their prices for refined products and damaging developing countries.

The Times management said they would be given full reinforcement and lost wages when agreement has been finalised and publication is resumed.

The Times, nicknamed "The Thunderer" when founded in 1785 and the favourite reading of the political establishment for the past 150 years, plans to publish again with obituaries of all eminent people who died since its last appearance.

The newspaper, which prides itself on being a journal of record, will also bring out supplements on the news it has missed during its long silence.

Leaders of the Printers' Union which has been at the heart of the dispute, the National Graphical Association (NGA), met at its headquarters in Bedford, central England, and decided to recommend that members accept the formula for resumption of negotiations.

The management of Times Newspapers Limited accepted the formula at a board meeting. "The aim is to republish The Times from April 17, a company spokesman said, followed by a publication of the other papers. It was "almost inconceivable" that the papers would not be back on the streets by then, he added.

The NGA general secretary, Joe Wade, was slightly more cautious. "We are not out of the woods yet" he said. "But the NGA executive have accepted the formula and will recommend it. This is a victory for common sense, very much at the initiative of Mr. Booth."

NGA members later voted overwhelmingly to back the new formula. And their president, Les Dixon, said he was confident that publication could be resumed on April 17.

Lean times ahead for Japanese union

By most Western standards, Japanese labour's demand for a 12 per cent wage rise this year is very moderate. It might also seem that the employers can well afford it. But the unions will be lucky to get even half their demand, according to most observers.

By Karen Salzberg

TOKYO — Japan's largest confederation of workers' unions is planning to demand a 12 per cent increase in average wages in their annual spring labour offensive.

If they get it, Japanese industry will complete the process of pricing itself out of world markets for cars, TV sets and steel which started when the yen was revalued against the dollar by a hefty 26 per cent during 1978. The odds are, however, that they will get less than half of what they are asking.

The scaling down of labour's demands to a level which Japanese industry thinks it can afford will, moreover, be accomplished with the usual almost total lack of strikes—a lack which is becoming the envy of Japan's competitors elsewhere in the industrial world.

The General Council of Trade Unions, whose membership includes about 36 per cent of

Japan's organised labour groups, calculates that the unexpected and stunning upswing in corporate profits that Japanese business and industry has been experiencing during the past few months justifies a handsome wage raise.

They also feel industry should do something to make up for last year's "niggardly" 5.6 per cent wage hike. What they are not prepared to do is to trade wage rises for job security—which is what the employers threaten might happen if the claims are pressed too hard.

The economic confusion that followed the 1973 oil crisis has been chipping steadily away at the main feature of Japanese labour relations—the system of lifetime employment. It was during the high growth era of the early 1960s that the idea of a man's entering a company's employ after completing his education, and remaining there until retirement, began to be taken for granted, and thus institutionalised.

However much it may have been dependent on objective economic reality, this development, in fact, was perfectly suited to the Japanese way of thinking and the wage earner's entire life often came to be built around his place of work. Therefore, when the government and the employer's federation say that wage increases must take second place to problems of rising unemployment and inflation, they are touching a highly sensitive spot in the Japanese worker's consciousness.

To talk of unemployment in a country where just over two per cent of the population is officially out of work may seem somewhat ludicrous. But because of the lifetime employment system at least another four per cent of the labour force (an estimated two million workers) have no work to do, though they remain on company payrolls. The employers have begun cautiously laying off limited numbers of these people, which is one reason, they claim, why profits have improved. If the unions' wage demands are met they say they might have to lay off a good many more.

Lay-offs, of course, could in theory be avoided if higher pay for the workers led to more consumption and consequently to more demand for the products of under-used Japanese factories. But the employers say this argument is less sound than it appears. The Japanese Government is

requesting industry to moderate its exports—the lifeblood of Japanese industry—in response to pressures for restraint from overseas trade partners.

To top off their arguments the employers remind workers that average wages in Japan are already equal to those of other advanced industrial countries. This, the unions agree, is true on a comparative monetary basis, but not in terms of what the money will buy.

The labour leaders point out that the Japanese people, in a fashion that belies their country's elevated economic and political status, have never been recipients of social welfare and other income-saving programmes common in the developed countries of Europe. What the average British worker can save in medical bills by using the National Health Service must be spent in hard cash by his Japanese counterpart. Furthermore, consumer prices as well as housing are at their most expensive in Japan.

The unions might have more chance of squeezing a few extra percentage points out of management if they were united on tactics, but the fact is that they are not. The smaller groups, in opposition to the General Council's demand, are advocating individual company-by-company negotiations which would more accurately reflect conditions in specific areas. Some even say the days of unified wage negotiating

tactics, virtually a tradition, are over. Within the unions there is growing dissatisfaction. Many workers who might be laid off feel uncertainty rather than the security of the unions, well known for their familiarity with the company's financial terms with which they may not be equipped to cope in times of crisis, and individual loss of some of their security.

Added to all these is the influence of business, which has always been a powerful government. Their toward wage increases to be taken seriously. Minister Ohira, who officially declared his anti-inflation measures. In last year's spring offensive, the unions' advantage, economics of the business depression, their position may be more comfortable, in spite of the few bright spots. Although they come, will not be. April, private sources predict the average will not amount to more than six per cent. Half of the General Council's plan to

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